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Dear Mr. Pfeiffer,

This letter is the final response to your May 3, 2019, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following:

“Requests Reports, memos, outlines, notes, minutes, pictures, copies, transcripts, personal documents, and other records related to or discussing the planning; presentation; and the reception to (by, for example, the military) the series of so-called “Burned Board Meeting” referenced in the Sandia documentary “Always/Never,” Please also include relevant adjacent associated documents relevant to assessing the state and contours of discussion around weapon safety at the time (for example, but not limited to, the Stockpile Improvement Program). You may restrict the period of your search to the dates between and including 1965 to 1984.”

Your request was received in this office on May 06, 2019. Upon receipt, we contacted the National Nuclear Security Administration’s Sandia Field Office (SFO) that has oversight responsibility for Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) about your request. SFO Office of Programs, conducted a thorough search and did not locate any responsive records. SFO forwarded your request to the M&O Contractor, National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC (NTESS) to search for records.

SNL/NTESS asked all departments that might plausibly be expected to have responsive records at Sandia National Laboratories to conduct a reasonable search for records. A search for records was conducted by the Corporate Archives, Customer Funded Records Center, and Technical Library. These searches were conducted using the timeframe of January 1, 1965 through December 31, 1984, using a variation of keywords and keyword combinations as stated in the FOIA request: Always/Never, Burned Board Meeting, Stockpile, Improvement Program, Stockpile Improvement, and Nuclear Weapon Safety. SNL/NTESS did not locate any responsive records.

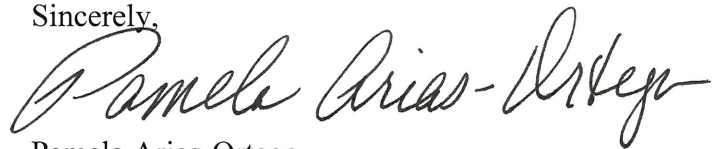
You may appeal the adequacy of search pursuant to 10 CFR § 1004.8. Such an appeal must be made in writing within 90 calendar days after receipt of this letter, addressed to the Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, L’Enfant building, Washington, DC 20585. Your appeal must contain a concise statement of the grounds for the appeal and a description of the relief sought. Please submit a copy of this letter with

the appeal. Clearly mark both the envelope and the letter "Freedom of Information Appeal." You may also submit your appeal by e-mail to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase "Freedom of Information Appeal" in the subject line (this is the method preferred by the Office of Hearings and Appeals). Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the District of Columbia or in the district where (1) you reside, (2) you have your principal place of business, or (3) the Department's records are situated.

You may contact me, the NNSA's FOIA Public Liaison, at 866-747-5994, or by mail at Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

There are no charges to you for the additional processing of your FOIA request. If you have questions about the processing of this request, please contact Ms. Kari Martinez by e-mail at Kari.Martinez@nnsa.doe.gov or write to the address at the top of the first page. Please reference Control Number FOIA 19-00193-AB in your correspondence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Pamela Arias-Ortega". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pamela" being the most prominent part.

Pamela Arias-Ortega
FOIA Officer